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ALLEN DULLES INTERVIEWED

HUGH DOWNS: "Now we have a guest that we want to introduce you to.

"At two o'clock on the afternoon of May the second, 1945, five days before VE Day, one million Fascist troops surrendered to the Allied forces in Italy. And this surprise capitulation was engineered by our guest this morning, Mr. Allen Dulles, former Chief of the CIA.

"And Mr. Dulles tells the whole story of this victorious operation in this new book called 'The Secret Surrender.' And it's about Operation Sunrise.

"Welcome to Today, Mr. Dulles."

DULLES: "Downs, pleasure to be here."

DOWNS: "What were the political implications of this mass surrender?"

DULLES: "Well, it led to the final surrender in -- in Germany, the one to Eisenhower that came a week later. It was the beginning of the crumbling of the Nazi-Fascist empire. That was the great significance of it."

DOWNS: "Was there a feeling among -- among the German high command there that they'd bitten off a little more than they could chew with -- what with the Russian front and everything? And were the Italians kind of bugging them by that time?"

DULLES: "Well, they knew that they were -- they were -- they were licked -- the Generals did. But the question was of getting one of them that was willing to lead the surrender movement. That was the great problem we had at the end of the war.

"The Allied military victory was won. Eisenhower, and the other American, and British and Allied Generals had won the victory, but which General was going to stand up on the German side and say, 'I'm through, and I'm going to stop. And I'll be the goat for this...'"